(4) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के प्रकाशनों की भाषावार सूची, स्कूलों, कालेजों, पुस्तकालयों आदि के अतिरिक्त उच्चतर माध्यमिक स्कूलों को भी भेजी जाती है।

(5) आकाशवाणी, दिल्ली पर रेडियो जिंगल के प्रसारण से नेहरू बाल पुस्तकालय श्रृंखला के अंतर्गत बच्चों के लिए प्रकाशित राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास की पुस्तकों का प्रचार भी बढ़ गया है।

(6) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास की पुस्तकों का समाचार पत्रों/पत्रिकाओं में नियमित रूप से विज्ञापन दिया जा रहा है और समीक्षा की जा रही है।

UGC recognition to M.G.R. Medical University

14. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government for Rs. 200 crore long-term growth and development project for the Dr. M. G. R. Medical University;

(b) whether the said University has been recognised by the University Grants Commission; and

(c) if not, by when it would be recognised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No Sir. However, the Vice-Chancellor of the University has written a letter requesting for financial support for its projects.

(b) and (c) Universities which are established after 17th June, 1972 have to be declared fit by the University Grants Commission for financial assistance from Central sources. Such a declaration is made by the Commission if it is satisfied that the conditions stipulated in the rules framed under Section 12-B of the UGC Act have been fulfilled. Since Medical/Health Universities are a recent development, the Commission has constituted a Committee to frame rules for declaring Medical/Health Universities fit to receive assistance from Central sources under Section 12-B of the UGC Act.

Setting up of Residential Women's Polytechnics

15. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up some Residential Women's Polytechnics in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received from various State Governments in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Defence preparedness by Pakistan

16. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is getting ready to fight against India and defence preparedness for this purpose has been made by that country across the Jammu and Kashmir Borders; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet any such eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR.

RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Government have seen reports that certain formations of Pakistan Army, particularly those deployed in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and areas adjoining Jammu and Kashmir have taken certain precautionary measures.

(b) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on the national security and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Re-introduction of six-days week in Central Government Offices

17. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-introduce six days week in Central Government offices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had consultation with various Ministries before taking the decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the reaction of different Ministries thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) There is no proposal to re-introduce 6 days week in the administrative offices of the Government of India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Representation by the CSIR Scientific Workers Association Regarding Recruitment Policy

18. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has recently been received the CSIR Scientific Workers Association (SWA) by the CSIR Vice-President;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a bilateral Committee was formed to evolve a new policy regarding recruitment and assessment of the scientific staff and the said policy was ready in October, 1989;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representation related *inter-alia* to following matters regarding the assessment and promotional system of scientific and technical personnel in the CSIR system;

(i) the restriction on percentages and number of chances for assessment, and the thresholds prescribed.

(ii) Residency period for assessment of staff in Groups I and II.

(iii) Extension of assessment upto the grade of Rs. 5,900-7,300.

(iv) Amendments in the criteria for consideration for merit assessment scheme.

(v) Criteria for selection of referees.

(vi) Matters relating to composition of Assessment Committees.

(vii) Removal of certain scales in Groups I & II.

(viii) Open Annual Appraisal forms.

(ix) Apportioning of relative marks in total evaluation.

(x) Removal of cut off date for Faster track promotion.

(xi) Removal of grades of Rs. 225-303 & Rs. 380-560 pre-revised retrospectively from Groups I & II.